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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of Defense (dministration)

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REFERENCE

: News Release No. 225-65 dated April 9, 1965

1. The Central Intelligence Agency has reviewed with a great deal of interest the proposal of the Department of Defense to offer a degree course in Systems Analysis. We, too, find we have a pressing need for personnel trained in the techniques of the planning-programming-financial management system.

- 2. We realize that the course to be started 1 August 1965 is designed primarily to offer an additional qualification to military officers and civilians who are particularly concerned with systems analysis and force planning in the Department of Defense. However, the Central Intelligence Agency would be most grateful if you could find it possible to expand the curoliment and include one or two of our senior career officers in the 1 August 1965 running of the course. We feel that selected CIA personnel could derive a great deal of benefit from such a course and it would be especially advantageous for those engaged in financial management who work closely with personnel similarly engaged in the Department of Defense.
- 3. If you find it possible and convenient to offer the benefit of this course to other agencies, we would also like to include two senior career officers in each subsequent running of the course. We would, of course, ensure that such candidates would meet your criteria for selection. We are also prepared to pay tuition for CIA personnel accepted by you or underwrite a pro rata cost, whichever is appropriate.
- 4. Your consideration of this matter is appreciated. If it is agreeable for CIA to name one or two candidates for the 1 August course, our nominations will be submitted to you without delay.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

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Executive Director-Comptroller

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The new course, leading to a master's degree, will convene for the first time on August 1 of this year. It will be conducted by the Institute for Defense Analyses in cooperation with the University of Maryland, which will be the degree granting institution. The first class will have approximately eight officers from each of the three services and two to four civilians from the Department of Defense.

The course was established to meet the critical shortage within the Defense establishment of personnel trained in the techniques of the planningprogramming-financial management system.

While many military and civilian personnel have studied national security policy and have trained in operational research, engineering and economics, the task of choosing weapons systems and determining force levels requires a particular combination of these disciplines and the ability to relate cost and performance considerations to national policy objectives.

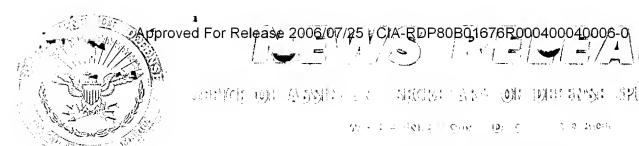
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In the final phase, students will study politico-military situations, reviewing Department of Defense studies and completing thesis work.

Qualified military officers and civilians now are being screened by the various services. Minimum qualifications for selection include a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, demonstrated proficiency in mathematics, including credits in differential and integral calculus, and overall qualifications for a first year course in mathematical statistics.

Graduates of the course will be assigned to the Joint Staff, the staffs of the Military Departments, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense in branches that are particularly concerned with systems analysis and force level planning.

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Mr. Seidel, OSD/Comptroller, 11-79071, called re the attached memo. He said confirming memo will be forthcoming but that we should go ahead and submit our nominations (since time is so short) to: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Attention: Mr. Frank Trinkl.

I called Sally in DD/S who checked with Col. White and they called Training to start the letter of nomination.

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